

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2013 (DRAFT)

Conowingo Visitor Center

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chair
Jane Howe, Secretary
Tom Friedel
Lilma Huntley
Russell Kovach
Joni Nugent
Donald Thomas

Guests: Capt. Jack Meckley
Bob Riley
Andrew Tress
Jonathan White
Tim Whittie

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Review of Minutes: Joni Nugent motioned to approve the May 2013 minutes; seconded by Lilma Huntley. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Representative: Captain Meckley gave a report on Sector 100. Basically the status quo remains. He urged everyone to keep an eye out and to check on the neighbors. Keep doors locked, especially car doors. Most local crimes have been crimes of opportunity. School is out for the summer so look out for children.

County Council President's Representative: Andrew Tress (for Billy Boniface) reported that the budget passed. Harford County has agreed to a solid waste disposal contract with Baltimore County. The Healthy Harford Task Force is now a permanent planning board. A Storm Water Task Force is forming. The Traffic Safety Task Force gave a presentation at last night's meeting and can be viewed online at www.harfordcountymd.gov/Videos/. Discussion followed regarding budget cuts particularly to education and DPW. But all departments were cut.

Guest Presentation: Tim Whittie, Director Department of Public Works for Harford County, introduced himself and said he will be on the job for one year as of July 9. The two biggest solid waste issues when he started were the Waste to Energy Plant at APG and lack of capacity at the Scarboro landfill. In addition, State mandates say 90% of solid waste must be recycled by the year 2030. Only 10% can be put in a landfill. He considered 9 options and ranked the choices. Go to www.harfordcountymd.gov and click on Solid Waste Disposal Agreement. Economic analysis and economy of scale lead to a 20 year agreement with Baltimore County. These are the topics that were brought up in a lengthy discussion: trash transfer station on Route 40, solid waste at Scarboro once the landfill closes, continued compost and mulch availability at Scarboro, homeowner drop off sites, franchising trash and dividing the county into sections, bottle tax, creating a "Water and Sewer Authority" separate from the county, raw water from the big inch, current cap on Deer Creek, well capacity and ground water supply/allocation, "raw" vs. "finished" water, possible de-salinization plant in the Chesapeake, use of sewage sludge on farmland, regional solutions to local problems. The bottom line is that big changes will be coming in the next 5-10 years to accommodate new environmental standards, but also to meet the needs of a growing regional population with dwindling resources. For information on HB987 Storm water Tax, aka Rain Tax, see the above website and click on Maryland Storm Water Fee for application, exemptions and credits.

Old Business: The DDCC has openings for new members.

Adjournment: Joni Nugent made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Donald Thomas. The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2013, 7:00PM at Conowingo Visitor Center. NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Howe